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SUBJECT: HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS IN AEGEAN SEA

1. IN ORDER TO SATISFY NATO AND OTHER MILITARY REQUIREMENTS, THE U.S. NAVY HAS BEEN CONDUCTING COORDINATED HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS IN THE AEGEAN WITH THE HELLENIC NAVY COMMAND (HNC). SURVEYS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN THE WESTERN AEGEAN AND IN THE VICINITY OF EASTERN CRETE.

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2. USNS HARKNESS (T-AGS 32), WITH 4 EMBARKED SOUNDING BOATS AND HELICOPTER, IS INVOLVED IN THE ABOVE EFFORT. SMALL SHORE PARTIES ARE LANDED TO CONDUCT GEODESY AND OPERATE ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION NETS.

3. A SURVEY IS PLANNED TO BEGIN IN THE VICINITY OF THE GREEK ISLANDS OF SAMOTHRAKI AND LIMNOS ON ABOUT 26 AUG 1973, FOLLOWED BY A SURVEY OF THE WATERS AROUND LESVOS BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY IN JANUARY 1974. TIME PERMITTING, THE SURVEY WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE VICINITY OF KHIOS. ALL SURVEY UNITS WILL REMAIN OUTSIDE TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS.

4. WE ARE PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION TO YOU SO THAT YOU MAY ADVISE THOSE TURKISH AUTHORITIES YOU DEEM NECESSARY IN THE HOPE THAT THIS WILL EASE SUCH TURKISH CONCERNS AS MAY BE AROUSED BY THIS JOINT USN/HNC HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY

ACTIVITY NEAR TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS. ROGERS

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